

Seattle City Council Transportation Committee January 13, 2015



SDOT's mission & vision

Mission: delivering a first-rate transportation system for Seattle.



Vision: a vibrant Seattle with connected people, places, and products.

SDOT's core principles



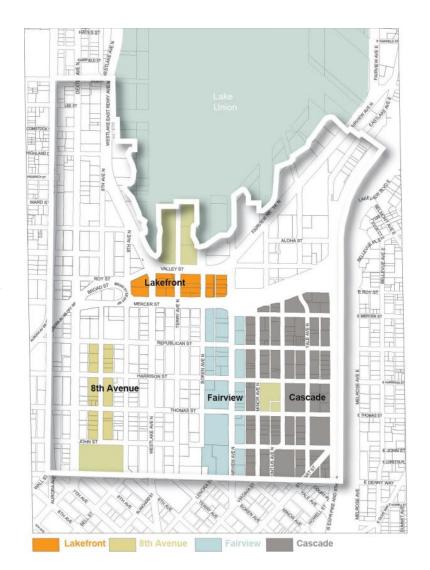
Presentation overview

Objective: To provide a briefing on a strategic approach to deliver a South Lake Union street concept plan vision

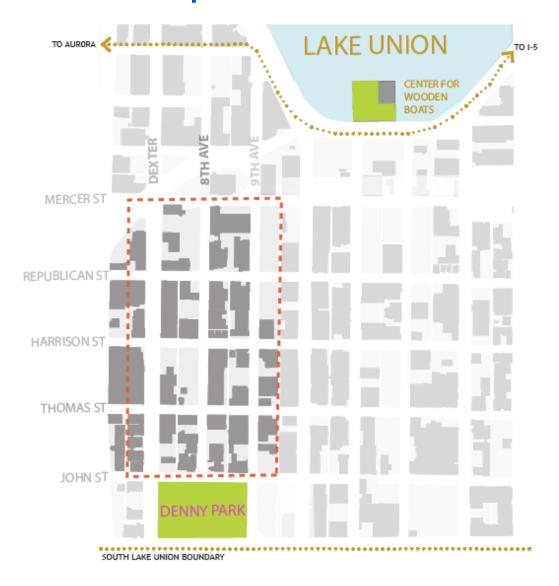
- Background
- South Lake Union Street Concept Plans Overview
- Street Concept for 8th Ave
- Legislative Need to Authorize MOA
- Potential for Future Code Amendment Changes

Background

- 2004- South Lake Union
 Designated as one of City's six
 Urban Centers
- 2007- Neighborhood Plan Updated
- 2010- Urban Design Framework Completed
- 2013-Incentive Zoning Ordinance Adopted by Council
- 2013- LCLIP Adopted
- 2013 Street Concept Plans Adopted via Director's Rule

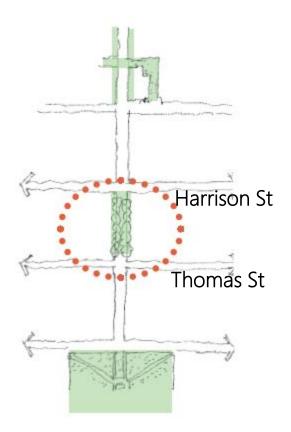


Project area- South Lake Union Street Concept Plans



South Lake Union Street Concept Plans

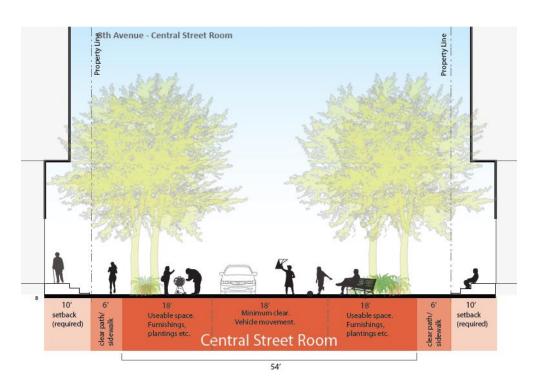




"The block of 8th Avenue between Thomas Street and Harrison Street is a memorable segment of full street tree canopy" South Lake Union Street Concept Plans

Shared Street Concept

- A multi modal street that accommodates people, bikes, cars at a slower speed, as well as emergency access
- A sidewalk zone that accommodates a variety of activities including walking, sitting, playing, or connecting with neighbors; with lush planting and tree canopy





300 & 333 8th Ave Block Concept

"The cradling gesture blurs the edge of the mid block room while still accomplishing the intention of neighborhood open space and integrated street design."

Design Review Board package, May 2014



- Curb ramp at block entries to transition to curb less street
- Heavy emphasis on preserving and enriching the 'Sweet Gum' tree canopy
- Wood decking with moveable tables/ chairs
- Parking/loading in interspersed pockets
- Custom concrete seating 'plinths'



Development Proposal

- Two 6-story structures (office with ground floor retail)
- Below grade parking
- Primary building entrances off 8th Ave N
- Auto access and loading off adjacent alleys



300 & 333 8th Ave -Visual Renderin

Memorandum of Agreement

- Street Concept Plans are voluntary
- Full or even partial reconstruction of street is not required by code
- Pursuant to the SMC, SDOT has the legislative ability to not assess street use fees through authorization of a Council approved Memorandum of Agreement
- Enabling this partnership will deliver a full block reconstruction for a quarter of the cost to the City

Questions?

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